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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3803-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP, Member for Surfers Paradise on 29 March 2023 about reducing excessive traffic speed and noise throughout Main Beach, in particular night-time hooning.

One of the Palaszczuk Government's highest priorities is safety, and the Palaszczuk Government is committed to reducing road trauma in Queensland. It is concerning that community members are witnessing motorists doing the wrong thing on Main Beach roads, which are heavily populated by vulnerable road users.

Speed control is an important aspect in effective and safe traffic management. To ensure the consistent application of speed limits across Queensland's road network, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) provides technical guidance to road authorities in the *Queensland Road Safety Technical User Volumes (QRSTUV): Guide to Speed Management*. This guide outlines the process for determining Queensland roads' most appropriate speed limits. Crash history, traffic volumes, prevailing speeds, road conditions and geographic features are all considered in the assessment process. The speed limit review process aims to determine and implement a speed limit that appropriately balances the road environment, the function of the road and the safety of all road users such that speed limits are realistic and consistent and encourage voluntary compliance. The road authority is responsible for applying this guidance to determine appropriate speed limits for the roads within their control.

Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) is responsible for Waterways Drive, Seaworld Drive and Macarthur Parade. I encourage members of the Main Beach community to contact GCCC regarding their road safety concerns and request a review of existing speed limits.

TMR and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) work together to deliver the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP), which oversees site selection and deployment or installation of speed and red light cameras on the Queensland road network. TMR also works with researchers to ensure the CDOP operates in line with best practices and to prevent as many deaths and injuries on the road as possible.

I am mindful of Main Beach constituents' experiences of motorists speeding on Waterways and Seaworld drives and on Macarthur Parade. TMR will continue to monitor crashes at these locations, however, there are no current plans to install speed cameras along these road sections. Installation of speed cameras are prioritised to sites with the most potential to reduce road trauma.

While TMR is responsible for the development and administration of the Queensland Road Rules, enforcement of the rules is the responsibility of QPS. Policelink is a statewide service that enables QPS to gather information, make informed decisions and prioritise the location of enforcement activities. Members of the Main Beach community are encouraged to report any instances of illegal or unsafe driving witnessed to Policelink any time online at <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/policelink-reporting> or by telephone on 131 444. Community members can also report unsafe driving and hooning to the QPS online at <https://forms.police.qld.gov.au/launch/trafficincident> or by telephone on 134 666.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline.

MARK BAILEY MP
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